

RESOLUTIONS

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

AMENDMENT TO UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION RELATIVE TO EQUAL RIGHTS FOR MEN AND WOMEN—RATIFICATION

S. C. R. No. 1

WHEREAS, The 92nd Congress of the United States, by a constitutional two-thirds vote in both Houses, adopted the following joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States:

"JOINT RESOLUTION

"Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women.

"Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

"ARTICLE—

"Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

"Sec. 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

"Sec. 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification."; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Texas, the Senate and House concurring:

Section 1. That the Legislature of the State of Texas hereby ratifies and adopts this proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Sec. 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Texas shall notify the Administrator of General Services of the United States and each Sen-

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ator and Representative from Texas in the Congress of the United States of this action of the Legislature by forwarding to each of them a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution.

Adopted by the Senate on March 29, 1972; adopted by the House on March 30, 1972: Yeas 137, Nays 9.

Filed with the Secretary of State, April 19, 1972.

MEMORIAL—HOUSTON HARTE

S. C. R. No. 4

WHEREAS, On March 13, 1972, the citizens of San Angelo and all the State of Texas were deeply saddened by the loss of an eminent and beloved compatriot, Mr. Houston Harte, who died at the age of 79; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harte gained outstanding stature and prominence as a newspaper journalist and publisher, and his innumerable contributions to many different facets of the State's growth and development earned him the sincere respect and admiration of all those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, He was born January 12, 1893 at Knob Noster, Missouri, and attended public schools there, enrolling next in the University of Missouri and graduating in 1915 with a journalism degree. In 1917 during World War I, Mr. Harte enlisted in the Army and served until 1918, when he was discharged with the rank of captain in the infantry; and

WHEREAS, Thereafter he traveled to Texas to buy the San Angelo Standard newspaper, which was up for sale at the time. His new venture was left long enough for a return trip to Missouri, where he was married to Caroline Isabel McCutcheon on March 26, 1921, and the newlyweds moved to Texas to begin their life together; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harte acquired interests in newspapers across the State and the nation, and in conjunction with Mr. Bernard Hanks, founded and developed Harte-Hanks Newspapers, Inc., which currently includes 19 newspapers in six states with a total circulation of more than 600,000 and a television station; and

WHEREAS, In building these vast newspaper holdings, he never lacked in journalism excellence or quality of his publications, and in 1931 the University of Missouri journalism school awarded him a medal of merit for distinguished service to journalism. In 1935, he was elected to the board of directors of the Associated Press, serving in that capacity until 1943; and

WHEREAS, The contributions he made toward the civic, economic, and governmental growth of San Angelo and Texas are incalculable; among them are using his persuasion and influence to get a branch of the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation and to reopen San Angelo National Bank during the difficult depression years. He was instrumental in keeping Goodfellow Air Force Base operating at San Angelo. He added to the cultural entertainment and education for his home city by sponsoring appearances of musical greats and engaging roadshows of Broadway hits throughout the years. He cultivated State politicians and successfully asked their aid in getting a four-year college for San Angelo. He built a highly successful trucking business, successfully invested in the West Texas Oil industry, and was one of the organizers of the Western Reserve Life Insurance Company; and